

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 are pending.

102 Rejections

The instant Office Action states that Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chase, Jr. ("Chase;" U.S. Patent No. 5,974,238). The Applicant has reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 is not shown or suggested by Chase.

Applicant respectfully notes that, for rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 102, there can be no question of obviousness present. In other words, for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention.

Applicant recognizes that that the words of a claim are to be given their plain meaning. Applicant respectfully notes that, by plain meaning, the words of a claim must be read as they would be interpreted by those of ordinary skill in the art.

Applicant understands that pending claims are to be given their broadest reasonable interpretation. Applicant respectfully notes that the broadest reasonable interpretation must be consistent with the interpretation that those skilled in the art would reach.

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every one of the independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 recites a “conduit.” Specifically, each and every one of the independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 recites a “universal conduit” that is further defined in the claims as a conduit that can be used with more than one or all of the applications known to a handheld device. By virtue of their dependency on Claims 1, 8, 15 or 22, each and every one of the dependent Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-17, 19-21, 23-24 also recite a conduit, specifically a universal conduit.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Chase does not show or suggest a conduit of any sort. Statements in the instant Office Action attempt to equate the “pseudo cache” of Chase with a conduit. Applicant respectfully submits that a cache and a conduit are not equivalent in either name or function. The only function of the pseudo cache that is disclosed by Chase is to snoop a programmable range of available memory address space (see column 14, lines 12-14, of Chase). Applicant respectfully submits that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not equate a conduit with a pseudo cache, and that the functionality of Chase’s pseudo cache does not show or suggest the functionality of a conduit, much less the claimed universal conduit.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Chase does not show or suggest the present claimed invention as recited by independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22, and that Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 are therefore in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Chase does not show or suggest the additional claimed features of the present invention as recited in Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-17, 19-21, 23-24 and 26-27 dependent on Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22, and that Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-17, 19-21, 23-24 and 26-27 are in condition for

allowance as being dependent on allowable base claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the basis for rejecting Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is traversed.

Conclusions

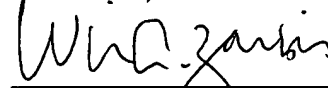
In light of the above remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Based on the arguments presented above, the Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, the Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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